NTC showrooms in Punjab

7632. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not opened showrooms of National Textile Corporation (NTC) in Punjab;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what concrete action Government propose to take to open such showrooms of NTC in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c) There are Six showrooms located at Amritsar, Ludhiana, Patiala, Ropar Bhatinda and Kharar. In addition to these, two showrooms are located in Chandigarh.

There is no proposal open any new showroom in Punjab.

Setting up of new NTC Mills in Punjab

7633. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up NTC mills in the cuntry, particularly, in Punjab, during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, state-wise/district-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what effective measures Government propose to take to set up more such mills during the period of Eighth Five year plan in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) while the Government has no plans to set up more mills under the NTC, the Cotton Textile Research Associations have, on the directions of the Ministry of Textiles, prepared a scheme for the modernisation and restructuring of 79 mills of NTC. This scheme has been endorsed by the Labour Ministry's Special Tripartite Committee on NTC. The revival plan will require approv l of BIFR under the provisions of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provision) Act, 1985 after it is approved by the Government before it can be implemented.

Cotton Mills in the Cooperative Sector

7634. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of places in the country, particularly in Punjab where cotton mills in the cooperative sector have been established, State-wise and district-wise; and

(b) what effective measures Government propose to take to set up more mills in this sector during the Eighth Five Year Plan in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) As per information made available by National Cooperative Dexelopment Corporation (NCDC) as on 31-3-94, there were 137 cooperative spinning mills in the country. A Statement indicating State-wise break-up of spinning mills is attached. (*See* below). In Punjab there are 7 spinning mills in the cooperative sector. These are located at (i) Mansa in Bhatinda Distt., (ii) Barnala in Sangrur Distt., (iii) Abohar, (iv) Kotkapura, (v) Malout all in Faridkot Distt., (vi) Goindwal in Amritsar Distt., & (vii) Bhatinda in Bhatinda Distt. NCDC assists State Government in the setting up of cooperative mills by proyiding funds for contribution to the share capital of the co-operative spinning mills.